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H. RES. 483

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding strengthening the Social Security system to meet the challenges of the next century.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NADLER (for himself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. BROWN of California, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FILNER, Mr. GREEN, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. TIERNEY, Ms. WATERS, Mr. YATES, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HEFNER, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. STARK, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. LAFALCE, and Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund estimates that the Trust

Funds will be solvent for the next 34 years but may experience shortfalls thereafter;

Whereas the Board of Trustees believes that there is ample time to discuss and examine alternative solutions with deliberation and care;

Whereas the Board of Trustees believes that the long-range balance of the Trust Funds could be restored within the framework of the present Social Security structure; and

Whereas the Social Security system provides benefits to all Americans at every stage of their lives, whether or not they themselves receive Social Security checks: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives—

3 (1) that the Congress must assure that the fun-
4 damental protections that Social Security provides
5 for American families are available for generations
6 to come;

7 (2) that the problems facing the Social Security
8 system are manageable, and can be prudently ad-
9 dressed by making careful and modest changes;

10 (3) that hastily conceived and radical solutions,
11 such as utilizing Social Security system resources to
12 fund individual accounts, require significant reduc-
13 tions in guaranteed benefits, are not necessary to as-
14 sure the financial solvency of the system, and should
15 be rejected;

1 (4) that solutions to a projected shortfall should
2 be enacted within the existing Social Security struc-
3 ture, without compromising the guaranteed nature
4 of benefits to individuals and families under the So-
5 cial Security system; and

6 (5) that any solutions adopted by the Congress
7 must be nondiscriminatory and equitable to Ameri-
8 cans of all ages and must, in the original spirit of
9 Social Security, help insure American workers and
10 their families against the economic risks associated
11 with disability, the death of a parent or spouse, and
12 retirement.

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